

rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as allegedly being obvious in view of Consoli et al.

In view of the above amendments and following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application.

The 35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejection

Claim 4 stands rejected for allegedly being indefinite. Applicant has amended claim 4 to remove any ambiguity. Withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C § 112 is respectfully requested.

The Prior Art Rejections

Claims 1 through 13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Consoli et al. Claims 14 through 25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as allegedly being obvious over Consoli et al.

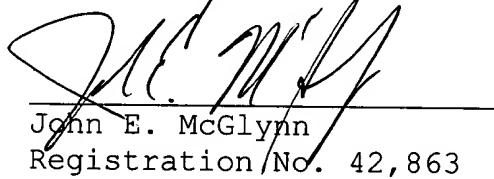
Applicant submits herewith a Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 swearing behind Consoli et al as provided for under MPEP § 715. Accordingly, Applicant submits that Consoli

et al. does not qualify as prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and requests withdrawal of the prior art rejections.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-25 patentably define over the prior art of record. Reconsideration of the present Office Action and a Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, below is a marked up copy of amended claim 4.

4. (amended) An electrical connector assembly as recited in Claim 1, wherein an array of electrical contacts on said substrate corresponds electrically to [the] an array of ball type contact portions on said first connector half.